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The Honorable Duncan Hunter Chairman, Committee on Armed Services United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C., § 2342(b), the Department of Defense has determined, after consultation with the Department of State, that it is in the national security interest of the United States to designate Madagascar and Mauritius as eligible for negotiation of Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreements (ACSA) with the Department of Defense (DoD).

The ACSAs with Madagascar and Mauritius will benefit DoD commands and forces. These agreements will provide increased interoperability between the militaries of Madagascar, Mauritius and the United States and enhance the Theater Combatant Commander's Theater Engagement Plan.

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Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Ike Skelton Ranking Minority Member

